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REMARKS

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1. On 6 August 1953, a 132-mm rocket launcher, ammunition and billeting equipment were entrained at the Eberswalde railroad station. [redacted] additional loadings were performed.¹

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2. On 29 July, the Schuetzen Kaserne in Eberswalde was occupied by 4,000 troops, including headquarters, the Artillerie Kaserne with 3,500 troops, and the cantonment on Breitscheidt Strasse with 450 troops. On 31 July, 5 armored scout cars [redacted] 4 trucks and 10 sidecar motorcycles were unloaded from a train at the Eberswalde railroad station; and 20 x 132-mm rocket launchers [redacted] 10 trucks and field kitchen [redacted] were unloaded from another train.¹

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3. In mid-July, about 50 percent of the troops stationed in Bad Freienwalde, including about 40 T-34 tanks, 6 armored scout cars, motorcycles, and trucks with billeting equipment, were loaded on 8 or 9 trains which left toward Frankfurt/Oder. [redacted]

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4. At about 11:30 a.m. on 5 August, about 9 x 100-mm AT guns, about 10 prime movers, 1 field kitchen, and about 10 trucks [redacted] were unloaded at the Zehdenick railroad station. At about 8 a.m. on 6 August, [redacted] trucks were unloaded at the Vogelsang railroad station:

Some of the trucks carried pontoons.

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At 7:45 a.m. on 6 August, a troop train of 7 boxcars and about 8 side-rack flatcars with 30 motor vehicles

passed through the Hammelspring railroad station toward Templin.

5. Between 8 and 9 a.m. on 3 August, a column of 50 to 60 trucks, including 15 gun motor carriages, was observed on Highway No 5 near Oranienburg driving toward Mecklenburg.

6. The following troop trains passed through the Oranienburg freight station on 4 and 5 August:

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At 8 a.m. on 4 August, A train of 6 boxcars with about 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 2 flatcars with 6 trucks

1 sedan, 7 prime movers, 7 canvas-covered AT guns and 2 field kitchens from the direction of Dallgow-Doberitz toward Vogel-

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At 6:52 p.m. on 4 August, A train of 16 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 42 flatcars with 36 trucks

4 x 132-mm rocket launchers, and 2 field kitchens from the direction of Loewenberg toward Luckenwalde.

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At 10:02 p.m. on 4 August, Another large troop train from the direction of Loewenberg toward Forst Zinna via Mustermark.

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At 8:25 p.m. on 5 August, A train of 5 boxcars with about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 16 flatcars with 16 new trucks from the direction of Jueterbog-Altes Lager toward Zehdenick.

At 10:10 p.m. on 5 August, A train of 10 boxcars with soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, and 38 flatcars with 4 speed boats, each about 19 meters long, and 34 trucks loaded with 28 steel pontoons.

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7. At about 8:30 a.m. on 31 July, 1 boxcar with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 2 flatcars with T-43 tanks Nos 234 and 235 were unloaded at the Oranienburg freight station. The tanks drove to the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. At about 3 p.m., a troop train of 6 boxcars with about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 1 flatcars with 4 canvas-covered AA guns, and 6 flatcars with 6 trucks

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and 1 field kitchen passed through Oranienburg toward Eberswalde.

8. Between 10 July and 3 August, the former building of the VEB Injepta office on Berliner Allee in Berlin-Weissensee was vacated. On and after 4 August, the headquarters of Lieutenant General Dibrova (Zhu) was observed at the installation.

9. At 9:30 a.m. on 7 August, about 50 T-34/85 tanks and about 15 trucks

were loaded at the Paudsdorf railroad station.

10. Troop trains passing through the Satz Korn railroad station on 5 August included: a train of 12 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with

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10 x 76-mm field guns, 3 x 122-mm field howitzers, 2 field kitchens, 1 sedan and 45 trucks at 2:30 a.m.; and another train of 9 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with 8 x 100-mm AT guns, 10 prime movers, and 12 trucks at 3:30 a.m. [redacted]

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11. On 6 August, 3 x 203-mm howitzers, 3 x 105-mm howitzers, 12 prime movers, 10 trucks, [redacted] 1 field kitchen, [redacted] jeep [redacted] and 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were unloaded at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station and drove to the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne.⁸

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12. On 5 August, a troop train of 4 boxcars with about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 2 boxcars with ammunition, 15 flatcars with 15 trucks, [redacted] 2 flatcars with 2 repair shop trucks, [redacted] and 6 flatcars with 6 rocket launchers was unloaded at the Rathenow-Nord railroad station. The rocket launchers included 2 x 80-mm, 2 x 132-mm, and 2 x 300-mm; [redacted]

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1. Comment. [redacted]

[redacted] The equipment mentioned [redacted] may have been loaded on the troop train [redacted] which, [redacted] went to Fuerstenwalde on 7 August 1953. No conclusions can be drawn on the dispatching stations of the two troop trains unloaded on 31 July 1953. Probably elements of the 51st (?) Pztrcl Regt returned to Uberswalde on the first train, and elements of the 312th Gds HL Regt on the other train.

2. Comment. According to official records, the movement from Paderborn to Fuerstenwalde included six troop trains to Berlin-Biesdorf on 15, 16 and 17 July 1953.

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3. Comment. The troop train on 5 August 1953 had [redacted] came from Altengrabow with an element of the unidentified artillery brigade of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which was transferred to Altengrabow on 29 July 1953. On 6 August 1953, probably the troop train [redacted] was unloaded at the Vogelsang railroad station. The train carried an engineer unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army and came from Muhlwinkel. The troop train passing through the Hammelspring railroad station on 6 August 1953 has not been identified.

4. Comment. The new vehicle numbering system not yet allows indications as to the identity of the column.

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5. Comment. The troop train passing through Oranienburg at 8 a.m. on 4 August 1953 has not been identified. The troop trains at 6:52 p.m. and 10:02 p.m. on 4 August [redacted] carried components of the 9th Gds Tank Div. The troop trains at 8:25 p.m. on 5 August probably had shipment-record. [redacted] and the troop train at 10:10 p.m. on the same day probably belonged to the return movement of engineer units from the Tangerhuetten-Muhlwinkel area to the Templin troop training grounds or to their home stations in the area of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. [redacted] The troop train on 31 July 1953 [redacted] came from Haldensleben. The troop train passing through Oranienburg on the same day [redacted] came from Jueterbog with a component of the 63d AAA Div (US).

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6. [] Comment. Official records indicated that, on 7 August 1953, 50X1-HUM
the troop trains [] were dis- 50X1-HUM
patched from the Berlin-Kaulsdorf railroad station to Piesenthal.
The trains probably carried components of the 6th Gds Mecz Div.
7. [] Comment. Troop trains [] probably included a 50X1-HUM
train [] from Templin at 2:30 a.m.; and
a train [] from Altengrabow at 3:30 a.m.
This train carried an element of the unidentified artillery brigade
of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army and did not proceed to Neustrelitz but
to Zehdenick. Compare also with paragraph 4 of the present report.
8. [] Comment. [] the train came from 50X1-HUM
Altengrabow [] 50X1-HUM
9. [] Comment. The troop train probably came from Altengrabow and 50X1-HUM
carried elements of the 25th RL Brig.

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